EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES IN BOLIVIA

Internships and Training Programmes

Debating whether to go travelling or get work experience instead? Now you can do both.
Bolivia Unlimited is a social enterprise based in La Paz, Bolivia. We offer 1-3 month residential training programmes designed to introduce participants to print journalism and documentary production through internships in an international working environment. We also run Spanish immersion programmes, for those looking to learn or improve their Spanish whilst enjoying a cultural experience outside of the mainstream. Bolivia Unlimited was founded in 2010 by Bolivian journalists and Oxford graduates. Since then, over 270 talented individuals from 30 countries have worked with us, creating 77 issues covering everything from politics and art to football and gay parades. We’ve won the attention of TEDx, local sports stars and even the Bolivian Vice President.

BX Magazine - Print Journalism Programme
You will research and write your own articles and/or put together photo essays. You will be given extensive editorial support, as well as help with the production of your pieces, also taking part in designing the magazine. During the week you will take lessons in Spanish, journalism and photography, and will also attend newsroom sessions. The magazine is distributed for free across Bolivia and online for the rest of the world.

BX Doc Unit - Documentary Production
You will investigate, shoot and edit your own 3- to 5-minute documentary short. You will work with Bolivia-based video professionals, using professional equipment and editing software. During your stay, you will learn the basics of mini-documentary making, with production and theory classes, as well as one-on-one guidance. The shorts will be distributed through online platforms.

Is it Right for You?
You have an observant eye and inquisitive spirit. Spanish is helpful but not essential. Graduates, current undergraduates and year-abroad students are all welcome; we assign responsibilities in line with experience and reserve spaces for the uninitiated. Working with us you will be immersed in the local environment and, with our support, will get a chance to explore sides of the country largely undiscovered by tourist masses. Your dream career does not have to be journalism; Bolivian Espressos (as former BX interns are known) are sought after by universities and a range of employers for their international experience, level of intellectual engagement and initiative.

BX Spanish and Spanish Plus - Spanish Language learning
You will attend Spanish classes at a local language school, providing a crash course in language learning. With Spanish Plus, you will also receive guided immersion around La Paz with our teachers, allowing you to practise your skills outside the classroom. With both programmes, you will improve your speaking and written language skills, whilst being connected to the vibrant cultural organisation that is Bolivia Unlimited.

Is it Right for You?
You have a desire to converse in another language and an interest in discovering a new culture. You seek a learning experience not limited to verb tables and vocabulary tests. Graduates, current undergraduates and year-abroad students are all welcome; whether you are a complete beginner or have a faint memory of Spanish GCSE, all levels are encouraged. Come and learn language how it should be learned - interacting with native speakers and putting skills to the test in real life, everyday situations.

Apply
We take up to eight participants every month, and as entry is oversubscribed (especially for the summer months), you should apply immediately if this is for you. A number of
previous participants have been able to secure college funding to cover part of the programme and travel expenses involved. More details are available in the attached information sheet, and on our website, where you can also read past issues and apply: http://www.boliviaunlimited.org/

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